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Kindly amend the cross-reference at page 1 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

The present application may be related to the following commonly owned United States patent applications, which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entireties:

United States Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/931,643 entitled OPTICAL SWITCH ROUTER, now issued as US 7,283,747, which was filed on even date herewith in the names of Bruce A. Schofield, James V. Luciani, and Michael J. Craren;

United States Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/930,095 entitled SYSTEM AND DEVICE FOR PROVIDING COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, which was filed on even date herewith in the names of Bruce A. Schofield, Indermohan S. Monga, and Stephen Suryaputra; and

United States Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/930,119 entitled SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR MANAGING COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, filed on even date herewith in the names of Bruce A. Schofield, William R. Hawe, Paul D. Callahan, Indermohan S. Monga, Stephen Suryaputra, and Andre N. Fredette; and

United States Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 09/931,645 entitled SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR MANAGING CONNECTION ESTABLISHMENT AND RELATED SERVICES IN AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, now issued as US 7,321,932, filed on even date herewith in the names of Indermohan S. Monga, Stephen Suryaputra, Vikram Ramachandran, and Bruce A. Schofield.